[23rd September 1961

Appendix I

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1745 asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, held on 23rd September 1961, page 517 supra.]

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) (i) The State Agricultural Advisory Board has been constituted to help the Government in studying the agricultural situation in the State from time to time in reviewing the progress in the schemes for stepping up agricultural production, in revising them suitably wherever necessary, in reorienting periodically the working of the research and extension wings of the State Agricultural Department to be in tune with the changing requirements and in ensuring proper co-ordination between the Agriculture, Food Production, Irrigation and Community Development Departments. The Board also functions as the State Campaign Committee of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

(ii) The committee is composed of officials and non-officials as given below with the Minister for Home as Chairman.

Officials.

(1) The Chief Secretary to the Government.

(2) The Commissioner of Food Production.

(3) The Secretary to the Government, Food and Agriculture Department.

(4) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(5) The Director of Agriculture, Madras—Secretary.

(6) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

(7) The Dean and Ex-officio Additional Director of Agriculture.

Non-Officials.

(1) Sri A. K. D. Balaramaraja, Rajapalayam, Ramanathapuram district.

(2) Sri V. K. Palanisamy Gounder, M.L.C., Coimbatore district.

(3) Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer, Athur village, Chingleput district.

(4) Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai, M.L.A., South Arcot district.

(5) Sri G. Narayanasami Naidu, M.L.A., Mayuram.

(6) Sri V. A. Muthiah, M.L.A., Musiri, Tiruchirappalli district.

(7) Sri A. R. Subbiah Mudaliar, M.L.A., Tirunelveli district.